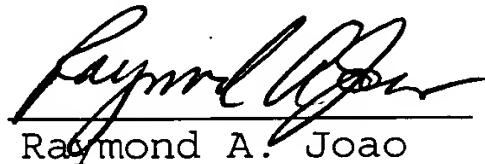


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed February 24, 2005, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 41-60 in view of a prior art reference.

A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. A Credit Card Payment Form for \$60.00 for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, is submitted herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is also submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests a One-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, mailed February 24, 2005.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: